

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I believe that the media should not be control by 2-3 entity. The news and information the public receive are often to bias or one-sided. I hope that the FCC can regulate and dismantle the media monopoly. Since Sinclair Stations are using the public airwaves free of charge, they should express opinion of all if not at least the two opposing view. In this case, if they are to show "Stolen Honor," then they should also show "Going Up River" at prime time or at least one after the other.

Thank you and God Bless.